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AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 05/30/06, please enter the following amendments and remarks. The term for reply has been extended by 3 months per the accompanied petition for extension. It is believed that no further fees are due with this response; however, should any fees be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 to 1.21 for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.